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figs and raisins, and, as a result, he is warranted in preparing the following telegram, which I have to request you will forward :

“Prohibition against importation of figs and raisins from Smyrna now waived.”

The Surgeon-General has notified the importers.

Respectfully,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Death from bubonic plague on steamship Coptic at Kobe.

SAN FRANCISCO QUARANTINE STATION,
Angel Island, Cal., September 5, 1900.

SIR: Dr. Chapman, the surgeon of the steamer *Doric*, informed me on his arrival at this port on the 3d instant that the steamer *Coptic*, which left San Francisco on July 26, was in quarantine at Kobe on the day of the *Doric's* arrival at that place. The captain of the *Coptic* informed the surgeon of the *Doric* that they were in quarantine on account of a suspicious case of illness of a Chinese, and were then awaiting the arrival of the chief quarantine officer from Yokohama. The local quarantine officer at Kobe suspected it to be a case of bubonic plague.

On the arrival of the *Doric* at Yokohama on the following day the officials of the steamship company informed him that they had just heard from Kobe to the effect that the case had died and was one of bubonic plague. The *Coptic* is quarantined for ten days.

Dr. Chapman believes that the case came from Honolulu, but is not quite certain.

Respectfully,

J. J. KINYOUN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Quarantine Officer.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from West Indian and South American ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 8, 1900.*

SIR: The following-named vessels entered at this port during the week ended September 8, 1900, from the ports named: September 4, British steamship *Benwick*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, with iron ore; British steamship *Taff*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit; Norwegian steamship *Tyr*, from Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore; German steamship *Canadia*, from Barbados, British West Indies, with ballast. September 6, British steamship *Brookline*, from Bocas del Toro, with fruit; Norwegian steamship *Bergenseren*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

BALTIMORE, MD., *September 15, 1900.*

SIR: The following-named vessels arrived at this port during the week ended this day from the ports named: September 10, Italian steamship *Alessandro del Buono*, from Guanta, Venezuela, with fruit. September 11, Norwegian steamship *Jamaica*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica, with fruit; British steamship *Ely*, from Port Antonio, Jamaica,

with fruit. September 13, British steamship *Ethelwold*, from Bocas del Toro, Colombia, with fruit.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

Inspection of vessels at Seattle, Wash.

SEATTLE, WASH., *August 31, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels have been inspected at this station during the two weeks ended August 23, 1900:

Vessels sailing for Nome.—August 14, steamer *Chas. D. Lane*, crew, 61; passengers, 14. August 15, steamer *John S. Kimball*, crew, 50; passengers, 20. August 22, steamer *Oregon*, crew, 63; passengers, 17.

Vessels arriving from Nome.—August 11, steamer *Alliance*, crew, 38; passengers, 37.

Respectfully,

D. E. ROBINSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Kansas.

TOPEKA, KANS., *September 10, 1900.*

SIR: In compliance with the resolutions adopted by the national conference of State and provincial boards of health at Toronto, 1886, and Washington, 1887, it becomes my duty to inform you that smallpox has been reported to this office from the following points in the State of Kansas during the month of August, 1900: Sumner County, 11 cases; Olathe, 1 case; Parsons, 1 case; Eureka, 1 case; Cherokee County reported, but number not known; Crawford County, 11 cases; total number of cases, 25. No deaths reported from this disease during the month.

Respectfully,

W. B. SWAN, M. D.,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Smallpox in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, MINN., *September 12, 1900.*

SIR: The reports of smallpox in this State for August are as follows:

Browns Valley, village.....	1	Winona, city.....	5
Chaska, city	1	Counties—	
Duluth, city	9	Carver	1
Jordan, city	14	Cass	14
Le Sueur, borough	2	Faribault	1
Litchfield, village	2	Hubbard	16
Little Falls, city	26	Le Sueur	20
Minneapolis, city	14	Lake	4
St. Charles, city	3	Martin	1
St. Paul, city	5	Ottertail	1
Shakopee, city.....	5	Scott	5
Two Harbors, village.....	2	Sherburne.....	7
Utica, village.....	2	Traverse	18
Winnebago, village	3		

Respectfully,

H. M. BRACKEN,
Secretary State Board of Health.